

Washington, D.C. – Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) announced that the House will vote on legislation that includes funding she requested in H.R. 2641, *the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2008*. The bill includes funding Bean requested for the following projects.

Des Plaines River (Phase II): \$300,000 in Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration funding for the Des Plaines River (Phase II) project. The Des Plaines River is 67 miles long, flows through 33 municipalities and floods frequently. The communities along the Des Plaines River have suffered considerable flood damage in previous years. Flood damages currently average \$25 million a year along the upper reaches of the Des Plaines River, and severe flooding in 1986 and 1987 caused over \$100 million in damages. Phase II includes a comprehensive watershed plan and environmental restoration projects throughout the watershed to help control flooding.

Squaw Creek (Round Lake Drain): \$730,000 in Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration funding for the Squaw Creek (Round Lake Drain). Rapid growth in this area of Lake County has led to increased storm-water runoff into Squaw Creek. This project specifically focuses on Round Lake Drain and includes funding to control and minimize the damage of storm water runoff.

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